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- 1. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GHAUS ON MARCH 26 GAVE ME AN OFFICIAL ORAL RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT DAOUD CONTAINED REFTEL A. GHAUS SAID THAT DAOUD IS MOST GRATEFUL FOR PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER AND UNDERSTANDS COMPLETELY THE REASONS FOR THE POSTPONEMENT OF HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON. PRESIDENT DAOUD SUGGESTS THAT THE TIMING OF THE VISIT BE ARRANGED THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.
- 2. AFTER GIVING ME THIS MESSAGE, GHAUS ASKED IF IT COULD BE ASSUMED THAT THE VISIT COULD TAKE PLACE IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER 1978. I REPLIED THAT IT COULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE SO ASSUMED. GHAUS THEREUPON INDICATED HIS AWARENESS THAT THE VISIT MIGHT BE POSTPONED INTO 1979.

COMMENT. GHAUS DID NOT MENTION THE POSSIBILITY, WHICH FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULLAH HAD MENTIONED (REF B), THAT DAOUD MIGHT ATTEND THE SPECIAL UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING IN NEW YORK IN MAY. AS THE SHAH NOW PLANS TO VISIT KABUL THE RHIRD WEEK OF MAY, I ASSUME THE POSSIBILITY OF DAOUD GOING CONFIDENTIAL

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